

2012 State Damage Prevention Program Grants Progress Report
CFDA Number: 20.720

Award Number: *DTPH56-12-G-PHPS01*

Project Title: *Mississippi Public Service Commission State Damage Prevention*

Date Submitted: *March 7, 2013*

Submitted by: *Ilicia Boaler*

Specific Objective(s) of the Agreement

Under this grant agreement, the MPSC will:

Support a Damage Prevention Education Program for industry stakeholders

Review the Effectiveness of Damage Prevention Programs

Workscope

Under the terms of this grant agreement, the Grantee will address the following elements listed in 49 USC 60134 through the actions it has specified in its Application.

Element (4): Participation by operators, excavators, and other stakeholders in development and implementation of effective employee training programs to ensure that operators, the one-call center, the enforcing agency, and the excavators have partnered to design and implement training for the employees of operators, excavators, and locators.

Element (9): A process for review and analysis of the effectiveness of each program element, including a means for implementing improvements identified by such program reviews.

Accomplishments for this period (Item 1 under Article IX, Section 9.01 Progress Report: “A comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives established for the period.”)

Element (4): The Mississippi Damage Prevention Council Training Committee determined that there is a need for a bilingual DVD focusing on best practices dealing primarily with safe excavation and compliance with State One Call law. The DVD is in development at this time and production will begin during the second funding period.

Element (9): The first two months of researching locates in Mississippi has resulted in the following data. There were problems with utilities and contractors. Contractors were beginning work prior to locate due dates; using wrong work type; identifying dig areas with other than white paint; not verifying such items as address, street name, city or county; calling in false emergencies and incorrect or bad contact information. Utilities with large buffers where there was “No Conflict” did not notify the caller; multiple utilities by the same locator did not notify the caller of each “No Conflict” and city water departments, in some cases, did not locate or notify on “No Conflict”. Also it was

hard to read some of the “No Conflict” notices and difficult to find where they placed the “No Conflict” indicators. In many instances, city water companies did not locate at all. Locators marked incorrectly, placing circles and calling contractors to delay locating. Utilities were identified that have incorrect databases. Several non-members of Miss 811 were also discovered during this period. Efforts are being made to share this data with all stakeholders and to provide training to correct these problems. Damage Prevention Kits are being distributed during face to face meetings in an effort to bring about compliance with best practices and State One Call law.

Quantifiable Metrics/Measures of Effectiveness (Item 2 under Article IX, Section 9.01 Project Report: “Where the output of the project can be quantified, a computation of the cost per unit of output.”)

- 1. In Mississippi we are not required by law to report damages; therefore we do not have a starting point.*
- 2. Our intention is to use the grant to compile data to give us the information to show which direction we need to pursue in the areas of Damage Prevention, Training and Legislation.*
- 3. Through the data we have obtained so far we have been able to develop a damage prevention kit for excavators. This kit provides a training aid developed using data gathered during the grant period. The aid clarifies portions of the Law that excavators frequently do not adhere to or do not understand.*
- 4. We plan to use the data from the grant to create a training video/program for excavators and utilities to assist in the damage prevention effort.*
- 5. The data will also be used as back up documentation to show which direction we need to pursue when we approach our legislators about strengthening the Mississippi State Dig Law.*

Issues, Problems or Challenges (Item 3 under Article IX, Section 9.01 Project Report: “The reasons for slippage if established objectives were not met.”)

There are no issues, problems or challenge to report.

Mid-term Financial Status Report

The mid-term financial report has been sent to the GA as a separate attachment.

Plans for Next Period (Remainder of Grant)

Our plans for the next period include production and distribution of an excavator training DVD and continued research into causes of damages and random auditing of 811 tickets to see if all State Damage Prevention laws were followed.

Requests of the AOTR and/or PHMSA

No actions requested at this time.

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RE: 2012 Damage Prevention Grant mid term report

Dear Ms. Davis:

The cost breakdown for the 2012 Damage Prevention Grant is as follows:

Contractual Services: \$50,000

Copies of invoices are included.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Mark McCarver". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Mark McCarver, Director
Pipeline Safety

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Invoice

Date	Invoice #
12/11/2012	1074

Bill To
Mississippi Public Service Commission Ilicia Boaler PO Box 1174 Jackson, MS 39215-1174

Description	Amount
Preproduction for Damage Prevention Awareness Campaign	12,500.00
Thank you for supporting damage prevention!	
Total	\$12,500.00



November 26, 2012

Ilicia Boaler
Mississippi Public Service Commission
Pipeline Safety Division
Jackson, MS

For contract services to provide quality control audits, data collection from damage incidents and preparation and distribution of damage prevention kits for the period of November 1, 2012 through November 26, 2013.

Please remit: \$37,500.00

Thank you,

Fred D. Johnson, Operations Mgr.
Mississippi 811, Inc.